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From the Daily Post-Boys, Decem. 1.

London, Decem. 1. Our Correspondent at Paris sent us lately an *Arret* of the French King's Council, censuring 40 Advocates of the Parliament, who had signed a Consultation in favour of 3 Parish-Priests, Appellants to th'Parliament 'gainst their Deprivation for opposing the Bull *Unigenitus, &c.* The Curates are banished; but the Advocates have submitted, and given in the following most remarkable and curious *Declaration.*

THE King being in his Council, and having seen the *Declaration* made since the *Arret* Oct. 30, by the 40 Advocates who signed the *Consultation* that occasioned the *Arret*; the said *Declaration* being drawn up in the following Terms.

THE 40 Advocates, whose Names are printed at the End of the *Consultation* which occasioned the *Arret* of October 30 last, would be inconsolable upon the Suspicion your Majesty seems to have conceived of their Fidelity, if it did not afford them an Opportunity of making an authentick Protestation to Your Majesty, of their Sentiments concerning your *Authority.*

We were always thorowly convinced, and shall always take a Pride in publickly professing, That the Kingdom of *France* is a State absolutely Monarchical; That the Supreme Authority resides in the single Person of the Sovereign; That Your Majesty holds in your Kingdom the Place of GOD alone, of whom you are the lively Image; That the Submission which is due to you, is a Duty of *Religion*, which ought to be performed, not for *Fear of Punishment*, but out of Motives of *Conscience*; That no Power on Earth can *discharge* or *absolve* the *inviolable* Fidelity People owe the Sovereign; That *Excommunication* itself, so terrible when pronounced upon just Grounds, can never break the sacred Knot which binds Subjects to their King; That the King is *no ways* to be struck at, under *any* Pretence whatsoever; That he is the only Sovereign Legislator in his Dominions; That the Parliaments and other Courts of the Kingdom hold of Your Majesty alone the Authority they exerc[illegible] That the Respect and Submission paid to the [illegible], centre in Your Majesty, as the Fountain whence they do spring; and that for this Reason, Justice is administred there in Your Majesty's Name; That it is Your Majesty that speaks in the *Arrets*; and that they are no further to be executed, than as they are stamped with Your Majesty's Seal.

These, *Sire*, are the Truths in which we daily are confirmed by the Exercise of our Office, in the Presence of the Parliament, so careful to maintain all the Prerogatives of your sacred Authority. Our Consciences shall never reproach us for departing from them; we will never abandon them, and shall be ready at all Times, and upon all Occasions, to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in Support of these same Virtues.

Moreover, *Sire*, we look upon it as an unalterable Principle, That the Ministers of the Church, who are no less Members of the State and Subjects of Your Majesty, are, like all the other Members of the Kingdom, subject to all the Laws that bear the Character of the Royal Authority; That they hold of JESUS CHRIST alone, and his Church, the Spiritual Power, of which th'Salvation of Souls is the Object, and which commands Obedience by the Terror of Spiritual Punishments; but that it is to Your Majesty alone that they owe the Outward Jurisdiction which they exercise in your Dominions, for the Use of which they are necessarily accountable to Your Majesty, and consequently to the Parliament, which administers Justice in your Name, and to whom it belongs, under your Authority, to prevent, by way of Appeal, any Injury that might come from that Quarter to the Laws and Maxims of the Kingdom.

This is the essential Point upon which we used the Liberty which we have to answer Questions, concerning which we are consulted by the Parties that apply to us; and which we flatter ourselves, *Sire*, Your Majesty will please preserve to us.

Lastly, We take the Liberty to protest to Your Ma-

Majesty, T[illegible] Expressions in our Paper, we did not m[illegible] but what was conformable to the T[illegible] here laid before Your Majesty, a[illegible] Sense that several have used them b[illegible] ne Ordinances of the Kings Your [illegible] edeceſſors, and in the moſt approv'd [illegible]ons; every other Sentiment is ſtill further from our Hearts than from our Minds. We diſavow, *Sire*, and deteſt every Thing that tends in the leaſt to ſtrike at your Authority; and if we knew of any ſtronger Terms, we would make uſe of them to expreſs to Your Majeſty the Integrity and Fidelity of our Sentiments.

Whereupon the King, ſatisfied with the above *Declaration*, was pleaſed to accept the ſame, and to pardon the 40 Advocates. Signed, *Nov.* 25, 1730.

Wye's Letter Verbatim, London, Decem. 3.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from France, and 3 *from Flanders.*

TOuching the Reconciliation of the King of Pruſſia to his Son the Prince Royal, we have theſe Particulars from Berlin, viz. That on the 25th paſt, the Prince was acquainted by the General Officers appointed for that Purpoſe, That the King, out of his paternal Affection, and to ſhew the Regard he had for the Letter of Interceſſion which the Emperor had written to him, had been pleaſed to pardon the Cauſe of Anger his Royal Highneſs had given him; then they explained to him the Subſtance of his Majeſty's Orders, and gave him a Copy of that new Oath which he was to take, to examine it, and keep it 24 Hours, purſuant to his Majeſty's Orders; That the next Day, being Sunday, his Royal Highneſs was conducted to the Apartment of the Preſident de Muncho, where the Oath was read aloud by Monſ. de Thuſemeyer, which the Prince repeated very diſtinctly Word for Word, and ſigned it with his own Hand: The Tenor of this Oath is not mentioned; mean time the Letters from Mentz and other Places, ſpeak of Couriers continually paſſing to and fro, betwixt Hanover and Caſſel; and that it was reported, that an Army of 60,000 Men is to be formed in the Spring, conſiſting of Hanoverians, Heſſians, Swedes, Danes and Sax-Gothians.

An Expreſs arrived Yeſterday from his Excellency Mr. Keene, his Majeſty's Miniſter at the Court of Spain. A Cabinet Council will be held this Day at St. James's, on Affairs of great Importancy. Some of the Members of Parliament are already come to Town. We are informed from Cornwal, that laſt Week the Seat of Sir John Trelawny was deſtroyed by Fire, occaſioned by ſome Linen being left drying upon Chairs in the Kitchen, which took Fire. And from Crookborn in Somerſetſhire, that the noble Seat of Earl Powlet had like to have ſuſtained the ſame Fate, by a Fire which broke out in the Brew houſe, but was happily extinguiſhed, without any conſiderable Damage. The Houſe of Mr. Hyam at Boreham in Eſſex, was lately ſet on Fire, and Yeſterday a Negro Boy, Servant to him, was ſeized, on Suſpicion of ſetting his ſaid Maſter's Houſe on Fire; and being ſtrictly examined, made a full Confeſſion thereof, but denies his knowing any thing of the Man who threatned the ſame, upon his Fellow Servant's not giving him ſome Beer, or that any was concerned with him therein. On Friday laſt Mr. Glover of Edgworth received a threatning Letter, as we are told, demanding 11 l. 10 ſh. as did likewiſe Thomas Morris Eſq; for the Sum of 30 Guineas, threatning utter Deſtruction to him, in caſe he was buoyed up with the Proclamation, or did any thing in Execution againſt them. And from Gloceſter we are told, that 2 Women were committed to Goal, for being concerned in carrying threatning Letters, and 2 others having been committed to the Bridewell at Taunton by the Mayor, the following Letter was left at his Gate, "Mr. Mare, G-d d--n you, if you don't let theſe 2 "Perſons out of Bridewell, we will ſet the Town "and your Houſe on Fire; we are an hundred in "a Gang, G d d--n you, chas us if you can." At Biſſiter in Oxfordſhire, the Incendiaries have been at Work. Upon the whole it is thought, That, as their Practices are not only continued, but multiplied and extended, it will be judged abſolutely neceſſary, to keep up the Number of ſtanding Forces. The *Advice*, *Rye*, *Kingſale* and *Squirrel* Men of War, are returned to Spithead from Jerſey, where they landed the Forces; and that the Orders of the King and Council had been publiſhed at St. Hillary, the Capital, without any Diſturbance.

Private Letters by the French Mail from Cadiz adviſe, that as ſoon as Meſſ. Stert and Goddard, the Britiſh Commiſſaries, landed in that Bay, which was on the 19th paſt, they proceeded for Seville: From whence no Order was then arrived for the Delivery of the Flota's Effects.

An Account is ſaid to be come of the Death of James

James Philips of Pentipark, ſometime Member of Parliament for the Town of Caermarthen.

From the Daily Poſt Boy, Dec. 3.

Rome, Nov. 11. We hear that his Holineſs has ordered 500 Buſhels of Corn to be made into Bread, for the Relief of the Poor, and another 500 Buſhels to be diſtributed among them the Day he goes to take poſſeſſion of S. John de Lateran. *The old Man is cunning, laying in thus upon the Verge of Life, to take poſſeſſion of a much better Place.*

Our Folk all unanimouſly chime in with the *Innuendo*, That a Pope who wants the Courage or the Will to do Juſtice upon great Delinquents, ceaſes to be the Protector of his People; and that if he has not the Senſe or Courage to protect them from theſe Wolves, then, like Liberty and Property with a bribed Senate or a ſtanding Army, he is but an empty Name, left to amuſe the Multitude (which is infinite) of Fools, who, with *Narciſſus* in the Fable, are apt to take a Shadow for the Subſtance:

Corpus putant eſſe quod umbra eſt.

Nay both the Power of the Pope and the Privileges of the People may be ſtrangely *hocus pocus'd* into the Hands of a State-juggler, while both Parties are ſtrongly perſuaded that they have them in their Heads. *Cardinal Coſcia for that.*---- Thus our Thinking *Romans* love to play the Politicians, mimicking their *quondam* Anceſtors, as if they were ſtill the ſame People, whom *Liberty* and *Publick Spirit* made Maſters of the World; till by the *Craft* of *One* audacious Man they were ſubdued and ruined with their own Men and Money.

Suis & ipſa Roma viribus ruit.

From the Evening Poſts, Decem. 3.

Hamburg, Dec. 1. The News from Hildeſheim vary ſo often, that we are at a Loſs what to give Credit to. However we are pretty well aſſured by our laſt Accounts, that two Regiments of Foot and one of Horſe, Hanoverian Troops, have taken Poſt in the Dioceſe of Hildeſheim, to protect the Rights of that City, purſuant to an ancient Treaty concluded with the Electoral Houſe of Hanover, in caſe the Pruſſians, as Troops of Execution, make a Motion to enter the Town. That the grand Provoſt, who could not be brought to hearken to any Propoſals of Accommodation, is grown very flexible, and 'tis ſaid has at length condeſcended to make ſome equitable Offers on that Subject; and that they hear no more of the Pruſſians marching againſt them, which makes it preſumed they have received counter Orders.

Paris, Dec. 4. On Thurſday his Majeſty was preſent in Council upon Affairs of Impo[illegible]ce. Yeſterday two Couriers were diſpatche[illegible]ne for London, and the other for Vienn[illegible]urn of which were impatiently expected. [illegible] Fleury continues to hold Conference[illegible] Miniſters about the Negociations now [illegible] The Marquis de St. Croix and M. de Barre[illegible] the 2 Spaniſh Plenipotentiaries, are on the Point of ſetting out on their Return to Seville: From whence they write, That his Catholick Majeſty has lately been indiſpoſed of the Cold, but that he was ſo well again as to aſſiſt in Council: That all his Troops deſign'd for Tuſcany were going into Winter-quarters; and that the Preparations for that Expedition were ſlackned for the preſent.

Letters from Rome import, That his Holineſs had ſummoned a Grand Conſiſtory of Cardinals to aſſiſt on the preſent Poſture of Affairs in Europe, eſpecially touching the Means to be uſed in the Eccleſiaſtical State, ſhould a War break out between his Imperial Majeſty and the Catholick King, the projected Accommodation ſeeming to advance very ſlowly.

London, Dec. 3. We hear that Benjamin Hayes, a Perſon ſent for from Dunkirk by a Gentleman of Durham Yard, to give Teſtimony concerning the Condition of that Harbour, having been promiſed a Place, in conſideration of an Employment he left at Dunkirk, and alſo Money for his Expences and Maintenance till a Vacancy ſhould be made for him; which not happening ſo ſoon as he hoped for, he brought an Action in the Court of Exchequer; to put an End to which, the Defendant did laſt Week pay him a Sum of Money in full ſatisfaction for his ſaid Demands.

Northampton, Nov. 28. We hear from St. Ives in Huntingdonſhire, that there were found laſt Week by the Workmen which are employed in making a new Road between Wiesbach and March in the Iſle of Ely, two Urns, in the largeſt of which were Bones and Aſhes, and in the other about 300 Pieces of Silver Coin, among which are not two Pieces alike, and by their Date they appear to be 2000 Years old.

Edinburgh, Decem. 8. About 5 or 6 o'Clock this Morning, that conſummate Rogue *Joſhua Deans* broke out of the City Jail, by getting up a Chi[illegible]ney

ney, and got clear off, by the very Means he was expected to [illegible] been made fast, a *Rope!* It is most surpr[illegible] at a Fellow who broke the same Prison n[illegible] h ago, and was well known to have a Head, [illegible]t to project, and Hands to execute the [illegible]t Means imaginable to make his Escape [illegible] not been depriv'd of every Opportunity, [illegible] bringing it about: And this the rather, that it was actually surmised such a Design was intended; to prevent which, two of his Confederates were carried from that Prison to the Castle three Days ago,

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶*¶ That the annual *Silver Plate* of *L.* 30 Value, given by the Honourable Company of HUNTERS, is to be Run for on the Sands of Leith, upon Thursday the Thirty-first Day of December Instant, by any Hunting-Horse, Mare or Gelding that has been in the Custody of any of the Companions for Six Months, and never gain'd a Prize in Plate or Money to the Value of *L.* 30 sterl. The other Articles are to be seen in the Hands of Mr. *Morgan* in Leith, where the Horses must be entred Two Days before the Starting.

All the Companions are desir'd to meet at Mr. *Morgan*'s about One of the Clock said 31st Day of December, to concert some Affairs of Importance.

This by Order of the PRESES and COUNCIL.

DAVID BAIRD *S. C. C.*

¶¶¶ That the Lands of CROSSWOODHILL, *alias* CORSETHILL, GREENBURN, and TODHILL, paying *L.* 369 06 08 Scots of yearly Rent; *Item*, the Lands of NORTH and SOUTH-COBINSHAWS, KEPSYKE, and BLACKHILL, paying of yearly Rent *L.* 646 06 08 Scots, with several Casualities belonging to these Farms; being Parts of the Barony of *MARJORIBANKS, alias WEST CALDER*, holding Blanche of the Crown; all lying within the Parish of West-Calder and Shire of Edinburgh: Are to be exposed to Sale, by publick voluntary Roup, upon Monday the Eleventh Day of January next, in the House of *Robert Brown* Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon, either in Wholesale or in two Parcels as above. The Progress of Writs, Rental of the Lands, and Conditions of Roup, to be seen in the Hands of Mr. WILLIAM ROBERTSON Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in the Assembly-close.

N. B. The Lands are to be entred to Sale at Twenty-one Years Purchase of the free Rent.

¶¶ That on Thursday the Tenth December Inst. 'twixt the Hours of 3 and 4 after Noon, there is to be Sold to the highest Bidder, by a voluntary Roup, within the House of *William Gray* Vintner in Edinburgh, in Whole or in Parcels; The Lands of *Peasebills, Gallobill, Gallrow, Dothrow, Bengore, Easter-Grange, Coultra, Kirkton, Scur. Scrogie, Side* and *Kilburn*; being Part of the Barony of *NAUCHTON*, presently possessed by George Hay of Nauchton; all lying in the Parish of Balmerino and Sheriffdom of Fife. The Conditions of the Roup, Rentals, and Progress of the Rights, are to be seen in the Hands of JAMES HALIBURTON, Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber above Durie's Office, in the Luckenbooths, Edinburgh.

¶¶¶ That the GROWING TIMBER in *Murray's Wood*, consisting of Oak, Ash, gray Saugh, Aller or Arn, Quaking-ash, and some Geen-Tree, lying within the Parish of St. Ninian's, and Sheriffdom of Stirling, about a Mile from the Town of Stirling, and two Miles from the River *Forth*: Is to be exposed to Sale, by *Roup*, on Wednesday the 13th of January 1731, betwixt 11 o'clock before-Noon, and 2 after Noon, in the House of Robert Menzies Vintner in St. Ninian's. Whoever inclines to see the said Wood, may call at John Maccallom's House at the Gate, West End of the said Wood; where, and at the Town clerk's Chamber in Stirling, and the said Robert Menzies's House, against the Eighth of December, the Articles of Sale and Roup may be seen.

¶¶¶ That the Lands and Barony of LATHRISK, lying in the Parish of Kettle and Sheriffdom of Fife, holden Taxt-ward of the Crown, of the yearly Rent of 183 Bolls 2 Firlots Bear, 204 Bolls Oats, *L.* 794 04 08 Scots of Money, 18 Ells of Linen, 54 Hairs of Yarn, 32 Pounds of Butter, 20 Geese, and 60 Capons, besides 260 Hens and Chickens not rentall'd; having thereon a *WOOD* that cuts every 20th Year, and yields 1000 Merks, and is at present within 5 Years of cutting: Are to be exposed to Sale by a voluntar Roup, on Friday the 15th Day of January next, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon, within the House of Mris. Herdman, in the Writers Court, Edinburgh. There is a considerable Quantity of Marish Grounds in this Estate very improvable, that may be drain'd at little or no Expence. The Conditions of Roup, Rental and Progress, are to be seen in the Hands of DAVID MAULE Writer in Edinburgh, at his Writing chamber above John's Coffeehouse.

Exchequer, Nov. 19, 1730.

Notice is hereby given, by Order of the Right Honourable the BARONS OF EXCHEQUER, That they have Adjourned the Sale of the Arrears or Rests of the Estate of *William* late Earl of *Seaforth*, to the Third Day of February next 1731, in th'EXCHEQUER COURT, at Twelve of the Clock. Particulars whereof, and of the Terms of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of the Deputy Remembrancer.

W. BOWLES. D. R. R.

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